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A Law directing the manner of Admitting new Members

It is enacted by the Library Company of Philadelphia, That no Person who shall hereafter become poſseſs'd of a Share in the Books and Effects of the said Company, shall be thereby entitled to a Vote in any of their Affairs, or be deemed a Member, without first being approved of by the Directors for the Time being; nor shall any Perſon, other than the Heirs Executors or Aſsigns of a Member of the said Company, be entitled to a Share in the Books, Eſtate and Effects of the said Company, without paying into the Hands of the Company's Treasurer, ſo much Money as in the Judgment of the said Directors a Share shall then be worth.

And it is further enacted, That upon Approbation of the Directors and Payment of the said Money, the Party paying it shall receive of the Treasurer a Certificate under his Hand and the Seal of the Company, containing the Name of the Person and the Sum paid, the Time when and the Account or Use for which he paid it: Of all which a Record ſhall be made in the Records of the said Company. Which Certificate ſhall entitle the Person therein mentioned to a Share in the Company's Books Estate and Effects, and to be deemed a Member

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A Law for preserving a just Equality among the Members, and to prevent the Inconveniences that may arise by any Person's holding more than one Share

It is enacted for the Preservation of a just Equality among the Members of the Library Company, That no Person being a Member, and holding a Share in the Library &c. shall grant, sell or convey to any other Member, or accept of a Grant, Bargain, Sale, or other Conveyance or Aſsurance from any other Member, of any Share or Shares in the Books, Estate and Effects of the said Company; on Penalty of forfeiting to the Company ſuch Share or Shares ſo purchased, sold, granted or conveyed.

And if any Member as Executor or Administrator of another, or by any other Means, come to have in his Hands a Plurality of Shares, he shall not thereby be entituled to more than one Vote at Elections, or on any other Occasion, nor have a Right to take out more Books at one Time than any other Member

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A Law for regulating Elections of Officers, and declaring their Trust and Duty.

For the better Preservation of Order and Government amongst the Library Company of Philadelphia, and in the Use Application and Management of the Monies, Library and Effects of the said Company It is enacted that the Members of the said Company shall in Person, or by Proxy, annually attend at the Place of Election in the City of Philadelphia, on the firſt Monday of the Month of May in every Year; and that as many as so meet, and appear to be duly qualified, shall proceed to the Choice of a Person of the Company to be the Company's Treasurer, and ten other Perſons of the Company to be Directors for the Year next ensuing, and ſo from Year to Year: The Place of Election to be agreed on by the Directors of the current Year, and notified by their Secretary Twenty Days at least before the Election, by printed Advertisem^{ts}; The Electors to chuse by written Tickets, each containing the Names of the Ten Perſons voted Directors, and the Name of the Person voted Treasurer; and those who shall thereupon appear to have a Majority of Votes ſhall be the Company's Treasurer, and the Directors, respectively, for the Year enſuing. That the said Directors shall, and are hereby required and impowered, to nominate some fit Person of the Company to be their Secretary for the Year ensuing, who shall preſide & collect the Votes at the Election aforesaid, and shall faithfully enter in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, the Names of the said Electors, and the Number of the Names of the Candidates

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That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Electors aforesaid, when so met, to appoint persons to aſsist the Secretary in gathering the Votes and entring and numbring the Names of the Electors and persons voted for; and other Service appertaining to the Election, and to appoin and direct any Method and Rule in proceeding to, and making the said Election, so as they appoint or direct nothing to prejudice the Right of any Member or infringe the Charter or Laws of the Company.

That if any Person elected Director shall reſuse to act or shall happen to die or depart this Province, so as to be absent for the Space of Two Months, in any of the ſirſt ten Months of the Year for which he shall be elected Director, or if within the same Year, or Term of his Office, he shall be confined by Sickneſs, or otherwise rendred uncapable of executing the Office of a Director, according to the true Meaning hereof. the reſt of the Directors, as often as Occasion shall require in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall proceed in their Duty & Office without him; or, if they think ſit, they shall nominate some other ſuitable Person to supply his Place of a Director until the then next ensuing Election.

That if any Person, so elected Treasurer, ſhall absent himself from his said Office for the Space of Thirty Days, or shall be otherways rendred uncapable, or neglect his Office or Duty of Treasurer in the Judgment of the Directors for the Time being, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Directors to displace him from any longer Continuance in his Sd. Office And the Directors causing their Secretary to make

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a Minute for the Purpose, containing their Reasons for displacing him; he shall thereupon and from thenceforth cease to be the Treasurer aforesaid, and shall upon Notice thereof, adjust and settle with the Directors, and pay and deliver the Company's Money and Effects, in his Hands, to such Person as the Directors shall order and appoint; And in that Case, and so often, and also if the Treaſurer shall depart this Life, the Person who at the last Election had the greatest Number of Votes next the highest (if alive, willing and capable) shall be substituted Treaſurer, to supply the Place of such deceased or displaced Treasurer; for which Purpose the Secretaries presiding at Elections shall preserve the Votes: But if the said Person cannot or will not serve, the Directors shall nominate another Person of the Company, but not of their own Number, to be Treaſurer until the next annual Election ——

That every Person so chosen to be the Company's Treasurer, immediately upon entring into his Office, shall receive of the preceding Treasurer, his Heirs Executors or Administrators, the Company's Cash and Books of Accounts, giving his Receipt for the same; and ſhall enter into an Obligation, with one sufficient Surety, in double the Value that doth or probably may come to his Hands during the Continuance of his Office, as near as can be estimated by the Directors, unto the Library Company of Philadelphia Conditioned that he will once a Month or oftner, if required, well and truly adjust, account and settle with them, for and concerning all Monies that are or ſhall come into his Hands, belonging to the said Company; And that he will well and truly deliver up and pay the Ballance of the Monies remaining in his Hands, together with the Books of Accounts concerning the same, and the Company's Papers in his Keeping, unto his Succeſsor in the said Office, or such other

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Person or Service as the Directors for the Time being shall order and appoint, and not otherwise; and that he will observe, do and execute all other Things as the Company's Treasurer aforesaid according to the Sense and true Meaning of this Law

That all Officers and Servants belonging to the Company, other than their Treasurer, shall be in the Choice, and under the Order and Direction of the Directors, who shall be accountable for their Fidelity, and may displace them and appoint others as often as they shall think fit. Which Directors ſhall have the Power of calling General Meetings when they judge it neceſsary for the Intereſt of the Company, and shall cause due and publick Notice to be given of the Occasion and Design or purpose of such Meetings; and ſhall nominate some discreet Member to preside therein and regulate the Debates thereof; They shall also have the Disposal of the Monies paid to the Treasurer to and for the Uſe and Service of the Library; They shall have the choosing of Books for the Libra-

Ex. JB Ex W.C. ry; The Renting a House or place for the Service of the Library; the furnishing the same with Preſses, Shelves and other Things neceſsary and fit; The Keeping and Power of Affixing the Seal of the Company; Which Seal shall be and remain the same that is now used and affixed to this Law, until another ſhall be appointed; The Lending of Books; The appointing Securities for the Return of the Books to the Library, and the Prices of the Loans; The Printing and Dispersing of Catalogues; The Admiſsion of new Members under the Limitations and Conditions now or hereafter to be established by the Laws of the Company; The Settling the Accounts with the Company's Treaſurer; The Payment of Houſe Rent, Servants and Officers Wages, and all other incident Charges belonging to the Company Moreover the Directors are hereby invested with a discretional Power to make suitable Returns (on Behalf of the Company) unto ſuch Benefactors as ſhall honour them by Donations or otherwiſe

And for the more orderly Execution of the Duty and Truſt belonging to the said Directors, they are hereby required to meet once a Month, at the Place where the Library shall be kept, or ſome other fit place in the said City of Philadelphia, to confer & conclude

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concerning the Matters hereby committed to them. In every of which Meetings of the Directors aforesaid, seven of their Number met shall be a Quorum, capable to consult, confer, and conclude of and upon all Matters appertaining to the Directors, according to the Laws and Constitutions of the Company: And whatever Six of the Number so met shall so conclude, ſhall be deemed and taken for and as the Resolution of the Directors for the Time; and accordingly entred in their Minutes.

That the Charter granted to the said Company, shall be deposited in the Library, for the Inspection and Perusal of all Persons concerned; Who shall also have Recourſe to the Journals of the Directors, the Minutes and Entries of their Secretaries, with the Treaſurer's Accounts, and all other Books and Papers belonging to the Company, and may, if the Directors think fit, take Copies thereof.

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Signed by Order
Joseph Breintnall Sec^{ry}

A Law for ascertaining the Fines for neglecting the Yearly Payments

Whereas by the Charter granted to the Library Company of Philadelphia it is provided, That for the Increaſe and Preservation of the said Library, every Member of the said Company shall pay into the Hands of the said Company's Treaſurer for the Time being, the Sum of Ten Shillings, on the first Monday in May in every Year forever; And that those who neglect so to do, shall pay such greater Sum or Sums, in Lieu thereof, at ſuch Times within Twelve Months then next following, as by the Laws of the said Company shall be appointed, and that in Default of those payments every Delinquent, shall forfeit his Share in the Books and Estate of the said Company, and be no longer a Member.

To the End therefore that the said Yearly Payments be duly observed and paid; It is hereby enacted by the said Company, That if any Member or Members of the said Company ſhall neglect to pay his or their Yearly Payments as aforesaid, he or they so neglecting shall each of them respectively, be subject and liable to the several Fines herein after mentioned, (and shall pay the ſame, together with their said Yearly Payments, to the Treasurer for the Time being, for the Uſe of the Company) That is to say

For neglecting to pay the said Yearly Payment for any Time not exceeding three Months from and after the said first Monday in May, the Sum of Five Shillings.

For neglecting as aforesaid for any Time above Three Months, and not exceeding Six Months, the Sum of Ten Shillings

For neglecting as aforesaid for any Time above Six Months, and not exceeding Nine Months, the Sum of Fifteen Shillings.

And for neglecting as aforesaid for any Time above Nine Months, and not exceeding Twelve Months, the Sum of Twenty Shillings

Shillings. And in Default of those Payments every Delinquent Shall forfeit his Share in the Books and Estate of the said Company and be no longer a Member.

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A Law for recording the Laws of the Company, and the Names of such persons as shall hereafter be admitted Members thereof, &c

To the End that the Laws of the Library Company of Philadelphia may be securely preserved, and that every Member of the said Company may have Opportunity of being fully acquainted therewith; It is hereby enacted by the ſaid Company, That all Laws passed at the General Meetings of the said Company purſuant to their Charter, shall be recorded in a large bound Book of good Paper, which shall be ſafely kept in the Library for the Perusal of the Company And that every Law so recorded shall be certified and ſubscribed in the said Book by the Secretary for the Time being.

And it is hereby further enacted by the said Company, That every Person who now is, or that hereafter shall be admitted and become a Member of the said Company, [other than those whoſe Names are inserted in the Charter] shall have his Nam and the Time of his becoming a Member as aforesaid; recorded in the said Book of Records, and certified by the Secretary as aforesaid. And that all other Matters and Things, which by the Laws of the Company are or shall be directed to be put upon Record, shall also be recorded in the said Book.

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A Law for preventing any Advantage by Survivorship among the Members of the Library Company

It is enacted that the Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, shall hold their Estate and Interest in the said Company as Tenants in Common, and not as Joint-Tenants.

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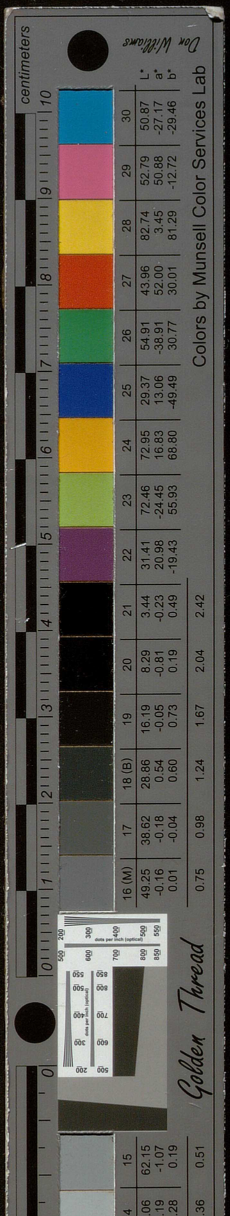
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